

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that Doordarshan has not received any such proposal from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Return received from top 50 public enterprises

***75. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage return received from the top 50 public enterprises in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether freeing PSUs from Ministerial control will give better results; and

(c) if so, the action proposed in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The percentage return in terms of Profit Before Interest and Tax (PBIT) to Capital Employed (CE) and Net Profit (NP) to Net Worth (NW) of top 50 Central Public Sector Enterprises (Taken based on net profit earned during 1998-99) during 1998-99 and 1997-98 was as follows:

During	Percentage of	
	PBIT to CE	NP to NW
1998-99	20.87	14.73
1997-98	19.84	14.71

(b) and (c) As long as Government holds majority shares, Parliamentary and Ministerial control would remain in some measure. However, Government have taken steps to give greater autonomy to CPSUs in taking commercial decisions in the following manner:—

- (i) reduction of DPE's circulars/office memoranda;
- (ii) granting enhanced financial autonomy to CPSUs under the categories of Navratna/Mini-Ratna for investment decisions.